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## DIRT, DISEASE AND DEATH

A CLARION call to clean up has been sounded throughout the land. Danger is high. Death is imminent. Disease lurks in the yard and poisons the air we breathe. Sleeping or waking makes no difference. The fatal germ abounds and, unless something is done at once, the grim harvester with his keen scythe will reap many a tender young life from the family circles of Tonopah. In this hot weather no precaution is too simple or too great to be neglected. The danger is in the dirt, in the filth, and in the foul gases that salute the nostrils at every turn in the road. The cold, clear air distilled on the surrounding mountain tops and filled with ozone and life giving properties is borne in on the morning breezes in welcome volume, only to be tainted, surcharged with germs and polluted with dire poisons as they pick up and absorb the terrible stench of yards and alleys, where conditions imperatively demand the immediate attention of the health officer. Cesspools filled to overflowing ooze out on the surface and trickle down to the nearest gutter in a noisome stream that should not be tolerated in any civilized community. Even though this be a political year, when cowardice and fear and favor are the ruling instincts of civic officials, there should not be any further delay in protecting the public health.

Infantile paralysis, according to all reports, has appeared on the coast, and it is only a question of time when the germs of this insidious disease will reach every community where first principles of cleanliness are not observed. Dirt is the cradle of the dread plague that has decimated the homes of the greatest metropolis of the nation. An epidemic exists and New York, with its billions of capital, is making a fight for the preservation of the puling population of the city. The batteries of science are centered on the clean up, such a clean up as has not been attempted since the day when New Orleans and Memphis and Havana were the scenes of medical conquest. Dirt must be eradicated. Plague spots must be exterminated. Sanitation is no longer an occult art. It is a plain, every day, hard rock application of broom and brush, and soap, and disinfectant. With the vigorous use of soapsuds, chloride of lime, copperas and permanganate of potassium, the deadliest germ is banished from a community. It behooves the health officers of Tonopah to return home and do their duty. This is the time that they should be at their posts waging relentless warfare against the awfulness of Tonopah's back yards. The officials may enjoy a respite from their labors in the adjacent mountains, but thousands of people must remain in Tonopah during the hottest period of the year to keep the wheels of industry turning and to provide the sinews of war to pay the onerous tax imposed on them by an extravagant town and county administrations.

The stay at homes demand protection. Unless this protection is forthcoming Tonopah will be branded in scarlet letters on every health map of the United States as a plague spot to be avoided and shunned as the veriest death trap.

## ORGANIZE A CHAIN GANG

SPEAKING of clean up day, the Bonanza suggests that a very effective annex to the health department could be organized by starting a chain gang in the right direction. There are too many drunken loafers hanging around the business district, panhandling to gratify their sordid appetites. There are too many whiskey soaked Indians, squaws and even tender young mahalas festooning the sidewalks. They are saturated with booze and form a disgusting spectacle to decent people who have to brush past them. It is against the law to sell or give whiskey to an Indian or a half-breed. Nevertheless these debased Pah-Utes furnish standing testimony of the constant infraction of the law. Somebody sells liquor to Indians. Somebody profits from the sales of this disguised dynamite and there should not be much difficulty in locating the dispensary. As an object lesson the Bonanza believes a course of 60 days on the chain gang would do more to check the abuse of ardent spirits than any amount of lecturing. Tonopah would benefit and a thorough clean up would make it a spotless town, where the bracing air could be breathed without fear of swallowing a million or more death dealing bacilli. Then let us have a chain gang by all means.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Another cause for celebration—Congress may adjourn August 20.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Hetty Green died wealthy, but thousands who died poorer left richer memories behind.—Detroit Free Press.

With Uncle Sam up, old whiskers would do well to take a cue from baseball and walk the batter.—Columbia State.

A Tennessee contemporary says munitions manufacturers are making war materials out of nearly everything but wind. Of course this includes water.—Birmingham Ledger.

Most physicians, it is said, have abandoned the use of alcohol in their practice. Bartenders, however, are still prescribing it for their early morning patients.—Toledo Blade.

A moving picture producer says bald headed men cannot be used for film work. But then, bald headed men as a rule don't care much about being photographed.—Detroit Free Press.

A doctor who advises water drinking sets the limit at eight glasses a day. A lot of chaps get away with that much every day in the form of chasers.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Congressmen should be fit and fine to the limit of preparedness—they've been scrapping among themselves so long.—Atlanta Constitution.

"Villa dead or alive," was the word that Wilson gave to Pershing. And Villa is still dead or alive.—Minneapolis Journal.

## Fifteen Years Ago in Tonopah

Addie McAfee sold his restaurant to 25 miners, to be run on co-operative plan. Sullivan, Lynch and O'Meara complete an assay building on their lease ground. Proposition to build a school house is taken up. Sheriff Ingalls, of Esmeralda county, arrived to inspect the mines. Wm. Owsley leases the Barney McMahon building for a saloon. J. C. Williams, member of the executive board of W. F. M., arrives on the stage to organize the district.

## NEUTRAL RIGHTS MUST BE SACRED

LEADING BRITISH FINANCIAL AUTHORITY FAVORS CLAIMS OF UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 20.—Surprisingly little attention has been given in this country to the American note on seizures of the mails. When published in America only brief and rather exaggerated summaries were sent by the British correspondents. The note was published in full only by the Times on June 19, several days after the American papers which printed it had arrived in England. On Saturday the Foreign office issued the text as an official paper for publication on Tuesday (June 27).

Almost the only important editorial reference to the note is made by the Economist in its issue of today. It points out that "owing to lack of information the public of this country has failed to understand the constant references by President Wilson and by leading newspapers in the United States to the question of 'Freedom of the Seas.'"

After quoting a large part of the note the Economist says:

"It will be seen that a good deal of feeling has been evinced and that great care and discrimination are required in order not only to meet the susceptibilities of friendly neutrals, but also to avoid the establishment of precedents which, under different circumstances, we should not tolerate ourselves as neutrals in a future naval war. Supposing, for example, there were a war between Spain and Sweden, and the belligerents claimed the right to intercept mails between London and Paris or London and New York, and to open all private letters, would that pass? The summing up of the note is very strong. It declares that the rights of neutrals are as sacred as the rights of belligerents, and must be as strictly observed, and concludes: 'Only a radical change in the present British and French policy, restoring to the United States its full rights as a neutral power, will satisfy this government.' Fortunately we have an arbitration treaty with the United States, which Germany has not."

J. J. MULLINS, chairman of the Nevada Industrial commission, and Carl Stevens, statistician of the same body, left this morning for Carson City.

## SMALL YACHT ENDS VOYAGE

COVERS 100,000 MILES IN AN ABSENCE EXTENDING OVER TWO YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 20.—The little 23 ton yacht Mana has arrived safely in an English port after a voyage of a hundred thousand miles. The last stage of the little vessel's voyage was from San Francisco, which she left five months ago.

"After leaving San Francisco," the owner said, "we came down the Mexican coast. Two hundred miles from land we came upon three islands marked as uninhabited. Our landing was delayed, as the mouth of the cove was occupied by two whales which were feeding and which refused to move until the following day. On landing we found a rough shanty together with a derelict boat, and alongside a rough cross, evidently marking a grave. In a rift in a cliff we found a sort of cave strewn with old bottles and odds and ends of a camp. Nearby was a piece of wood bearing the name Annie Larsen which I learned from a shipwrecked sailor who was on the yacht was the name of a vessel engaged in blockade running or contraband."

"The Mana visited one small island in the gulf of Panama where elephantiasis was rampant among the people. The currents in this region were very difficult and there was one sailing ship that had been drifting in circles for thirteen months and had been unable to get out."

## A Story of the Bastille.

In the year 1785 a haughty noble of the ancient regime of France fell in love with a beautiful girl, the daughter of a wealthy tradesman of Paris. The latter, refusing to encourage the nobleman's passion, was soon after thrown into the Bastille. The sweet heart of the girl, who was to have married her in a few days, dreading a like fate, made his escape to Constantinople to serve as a volunteer under the grand seigneur, leaving his intended bride secreted with a woman friend. On the outbreak of the revolution, the young man returned to Paris and was the very grenadier who first mounted the breach made in the Bastille, from the dungeons of which he had the happiness of rescuing the father of his future bride.

It is not posterity, but your actions, that will perpetuate your memory.—Bonaparte.

## TWO MEN PUT OUT BY FREAK BATTED BALL

ONLY CASE OF ITS KIND THIS SEASON OCCURS WHEN NEW YORK PLAYS ST. LOUIS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 20.—Monte Cross is responsible for a story of two base runners being put out by a batted ball. While playing with St. Louis, Cross was on second and Clements on third. With one out and three and two on the batter both base runners started with the windup. The batter hit along the third base line, winging Clements, and the ball caromed off the latter's shin and struck Cross just as he reached third; both being declared out as the result of being hit by a batted ball.

## Brazilian English.

"The river of Panama," declares the prospectus of a real estate agent in Panama, Brazil, "is the most watery in the state, one of the most extended in the world. It is navigable until to this state for ships of great profundness; it is also sufficiently fishy." The same cheerful chap it is who further asseverates that "the vegetable reign is excessively represented in resinous, oily and gummy plants."

## What Next?

Inquisitive Old Lady—And what do you call that? Man With Gun—Be careful, mam; that is a hair trigger. Inquisitive Old Lady—How wonderful! Think of making part of a firearm out of human hair! What will they get up next?—Florida Times-Union.

## Keen of Sight.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, what is a statesman? Paw—A statesman, son, is a politician who knows a band wagon when he sees it.—Indianapolis Star

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